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Mr. Richard F. Mountfort
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Mountfort:

SUBJECT: METOLACHLOR HERBICIDE
REPEAT 2-YEAR RAT CHRONIC FEEDING STUDY
EXPLANATION OF CHANGE IN DIAGNOSES OF
LIVER PATHOLOGY BETWEEN PRELIMINARY
REPORT AND FINAL REPORT

On October 25, 1983 you relayed to CIBA-GEIGY a question from Dr. Gary Burin concerning the difference in diagnoses of liver pathology in the preliminary report on the subject study submitted on December 9, 1982, and the final report submitted on May 20, 1983.

We have contacted the laboratory which conducted the study, Hazleton Raltech, Inc., for an answer to your question. We are enclosing three (3) copies of their signed explanation for EPA's files.

Would you please transmit a copy of this report to Dr. Burin as soon as possible, in order that he may conclude his review of this study.

Thank you for handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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